

REMARKS

Claims 9-11, 21, 24, 33, 44, 45, 54 and 55 remain pending in this application after this Amendment. Claims 1-8, 12-20, 22, 23, 25-32, 34-43 and 46-53 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein. Based upon the Amendments and Remarks included herein, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-5, 8, 22-23, 34-43, and 46-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Anderson* (USP 6,427,165); rejected claims 12-18, 20, and 25-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Asano* (USP 5,881,240); rejected claims 2 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Anderson* in view of Microsoft Press Computer Dictionary (1997); rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Asano*; and rejected claims 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Anderson* in view of *Feuerstraeter et al.* (USP 6,285,659). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 9-11, 21, 24, 33, 44, 45, and 54 - 55 are allowed. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled the finally rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein. This cancellation is being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

As the remaining, pending claims have been indicated as being allowed, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in proper form for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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